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Amendment filed June 6, 2005
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REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are currently being considered, of which claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 13, 14, and 16-23 have been amended. No new claims have been added, and no new matter has been introduced.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-23 set forth allowable subject matter. The Examiner has objected to claims 1-5, 14, and 16-23 for various noted informalities, and the Examiner has rejected to claims 5, 8, 13, and 16-21 under the second paragraph of 35 USC 112 as being indefinite, but the Examiner has noted that claims 1-23 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections and/or the rejections under the second paragraph 35 USC 112.

Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 13, 14, and 16-23 to remove informalities and overcome the rejection under the second paragraph 35 USC 112, and thereby place claims 1-23 in condition for allowance. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the objection to claims 1-23 and the rejection of claims 5, 8, 13, and 16-21 should be withdrawn.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, all claims currently pending are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

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If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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